

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Barclay et al.

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FOR: **NOVEL POLYMERS AND PHOTORESIST COMPOSITIONS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants file the above-identified application herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1 of text, please add the following sentence:

--The present application claims the benefit of U.s. provisional application number 60/271,402, filed February 25, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 21-23 and 26-40.

Please amend the following claims.

3. (amended) A photoresist composition of claim 1 wherein the polymer comprises photoacid-labile groups.

4. (amended) A photoresist composition of claim 1 wherein polymer further

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